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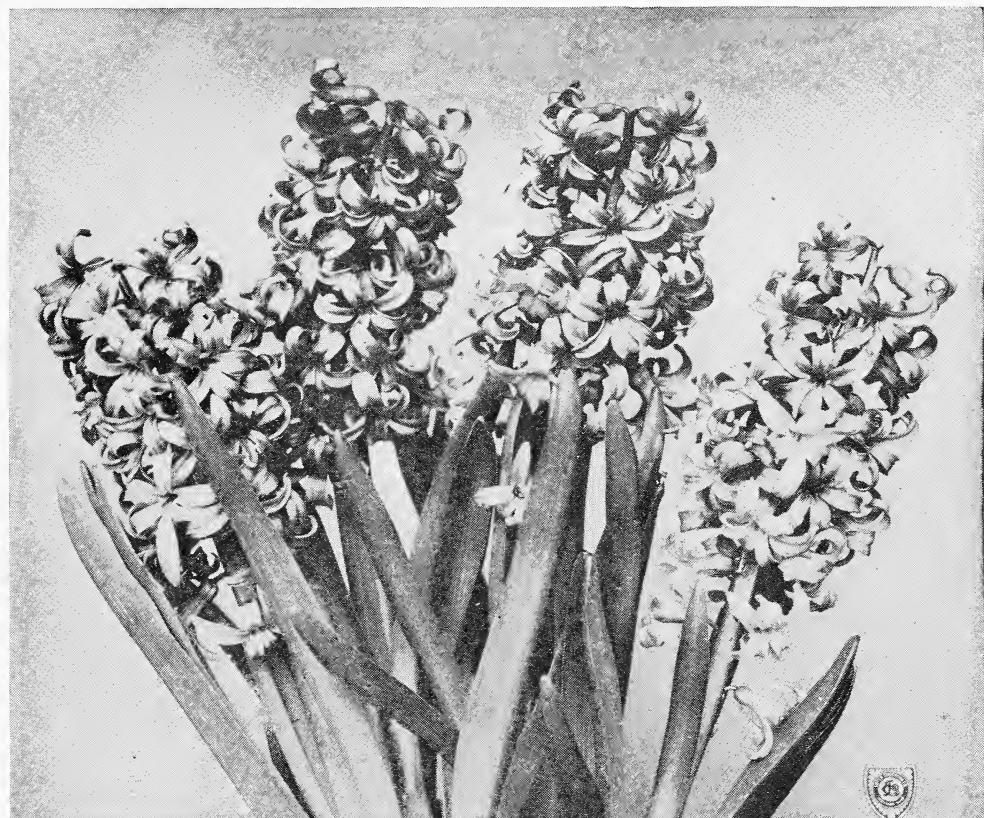


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# A GUIDE TO MAKING OF SPRING GARDENS



BLUES

Specimens produced from Exhibition sized bulbs of Hyacinth "Queen of Blues"

J. K. ALEXANDER

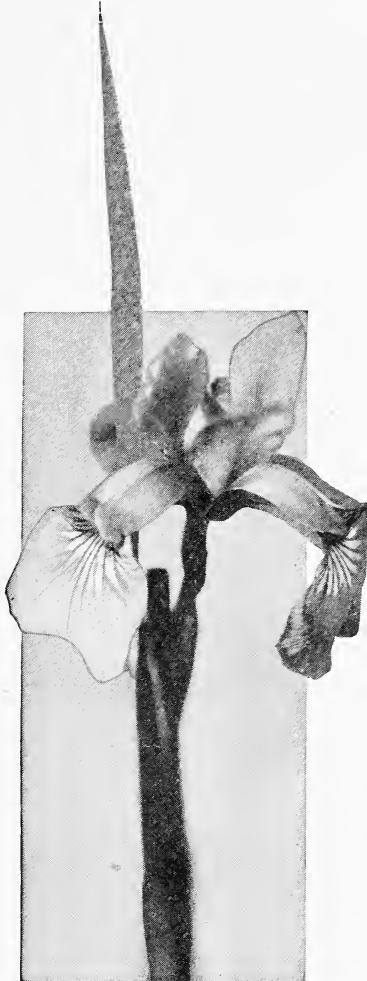
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*J. K. ALEXANDER*

I print this not because I am proud of my own picture, but because most people like to see the man with whom they are doing business.



# Announcement

IN PRESENTING you with my fifth Fall Catalog, I would like to have a few words with you; principally to assure you I will strive to serve you in the same satisfactory manner as I have for the past twenty-nine years. This Catalog is very modest compared to my Spring Catalog and has been made possible through your patronage. Though giving your orders my careful personal attention, I have been able to increase my business by leaps and bounds. Probably you can recall when my Spring Catalog contained nothing but Dahlias and Gladioli. Each year I have added to it.

Nine years ago, I purchased the entire stock of Peonies of George Hollis, the well-known Peony Specialist of South Weymouth, Mass. I came into possession of one of the most complete collections of Peonies in the world, as Mr. Hollis had all the well known varieties, together with rare French, English and Japanese sorts and a large number of his own seedlings, which he had been hybridizing. Many of his seedlings had been introduced, others were still unnamed. For the past nine years, I have been endeavoring to accumulate sufficient stock of some of them to offer them for sale; and at the same time make comparisons with other named varieties sent out by Mr. Hollis.

Mr. Hollis passed away three years before I acquired his collection, so some of the labels had been lost; where there were several lots of one variety, I found different names for what appeared to be the same variety. I still have many of his choicest, that I am not sufficiently

sure of their being true or have in too limited quantity to offer in this catalog; but hope to offer them in the near future, as soon as comparisons can be made, and stock accumulated.

All varieties originated by Mr. Hollis offered herein are to the best of my knowledge true to name, and meet comparisons with others purchased from Mr. Hollis and the descriptions published by the Cornell University Bulletins, where a large number of his varieties were donated for the experimental garden of the American Peony Society.

You may be interested also in the Irises, Phlox, Tulips, Hyacinths, Crocus and Narcissus and many other Fall bulbs offered herein, all of which can be shipped and planted this Fall. Should any of them fail to grow, I will appreciate it if you will advise me, as I want everything I send you to grow and give you good results.

I assure you I will take as much pains in the future as in the past, to send out nothing but first-class stock, and to continue the same prompt, liberal and conscientious dealings. Hoping to receive a share of your orders this Fall, I am,

Respectfully yours,

J. K. ALEXANDER,

The Dahlia King,  
East Bridgewater, Mass.

August 1, 1925

## Introduction

BUT a few short years ago fall planting was considered an experiment, an innovation. Today it is accepted as a fact, that certain hardy perennials, especially Iris, Peonies and Lilies, *must* be planted in the fall for best results the following spring.

And then of course there are those lovely early spring flowers, the bulbs of which come from Holland. Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, and the Lively Crocuses, must all be planted as early in the fall as they may be obtained in order to be able to make some root growth before they freeze up and slumber, to awaken bright and early the following spring.

You will find in this modest catalog of mine the best standard varieties of the majority of Dutch bulbs, also a very fine collection of those Peonies that have made the name of Hollis famous wherever Peonies are grown. Iris are ready for immediate shipment. I begin to dig Peonies along the middle of September. The Dutch bulbs generally reach me the last week in September or early in October. Early orders are invited. Last year I was sold out of most Dutch bulbs long before the end of the planting season.

With best wishes for your 1926 spring garden, I am as ever,

Faithfully yours,

J. K. ALEXANDER,

The Dahlia King,

E. Bridgewater, Mass.

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## Peonies

The Peonies are among the noblest and most magnificent of our herbaceous plants. They are the "Queen of Spring Flowers," and are well adapted for massing in beds, and particularly valuable for planting in groups throughout the perennial or shrubby border, where their brilliant hues add beauty to the entire surroundings. Their requirements are so simple, — a good, rich, deep soil; they are perfectly hardy, and produce their wealth of flowers in great abundance.

**TIME TO PLANT:** Peonies may be planted with perfect safety any time from the middle of August till the ground freezes in the Fall, and in the early Spring until growth has advanced too far. September and October even as late as the ground is kept open is the best time, as they then make a root growth before Winter sets in, usually blooming the following Spring.

After being transplanted, Peonies will not produce typical blooms the first season, many fine double varieties throwing single or semi-double flowers, and it is not until the third year that the finest flowers are produced.

They will abundantly repay good care and nourishment; but they resent an over abundance of fresh manure too near the roots. Well decayed manure is far better. A division of the clumps at long intervals, when they become so crowded as to interfere with freedom of bloom; and the soil kept loose and free from weeds, is all that is necessary. Where grown for cut flowers, they should not be disturbed oftener than is necessary; where they are grown for the sale of roots, they may be divided every second or third year. Plant so the eyes will be from two to three inches below the surface. Lay roots flat. Do not stand them on ends.

My prices are for good strong roots that, planted in the Fall, and given proper care, may reasonably be expected to bloom the following Spring. Varieties differ so greatly in habit that the expressions one-year and two-year, or the number of eyes, convey no meaning whatever; a strong root with one eye often being far better than a weak one with many. These prices cancel all previous ones. My prices are as low as the true varieties, and the size of the roots I send out will warrant. I grow and sell my own roots, and make no pretense of competing with those who have no stock of their own; but buy and sell indiscriminately.

All Peonies shipped prepaid to any part of the world at prices given.

## The Famous Hollis Peonies

One of each of the 16 varieties for \$75.00 prepaid.

**ADMIRAL DEWEY.** (Hollis 1903.) Rose-pink, shaded heliotrope; large, high built flower. According to color chart, color, total effect, solferino red, clear; guards solferino red, center same as guards; fades silver tipped, linear petals concealed throughout bloom. Type, bomb. Form of bloom, globular compact. Fragrance pleasant. Blooming time mid-season. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**ADMIRAL TOGO.** (Hollis 1907.) Deepest mahogany red, large high built flower, luminous. According to color chart, total color effect, crimson carmine; guards clear, collar same as guards; center clear. Holds color well, no silver tip. Type of bloom semi-rose. Form of bloom flat, medium compact. Not entirely transformed. Plant medium tall, erect, compact. Blooming time mid-season. Medium to large size. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**ATTRACTION.** (Hollis 1906.) One of the very finest of the Japanese type termed "Wonderful Glowing Suns" as they are entirely distinct from the other types, most of them have cup shaped petals which surround a mass of petaloids or filamental petals like a crown of thorns. They are yet comparatively little known to the general public and mostly found in large collections of connoisseurs and Peony enthusiasts, where they awaken the admiration of all who behold them for the first time. Very large, medium compact, flat blossom. General impression, crimson-pink with golden center, but according to color chart, the guards are clear tyrian rose, center same color as guards, tipped with yellow, which fades more quickly than guards. Pleasant fragrance. Growth strong and healthy, plants erect, medium to tall. **\$2.00 each; \$24.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**FLASHLIGHT.** (Hollis 1906.) A very large globular, medium compact to loose bloom of Japanese type. First impression, a crimson-pink with golden center. Not as dark a shade as "Attraction." According to color chart, the total color effect is tyrian rose; guards have light streak, center clear. The center is amber yellow, shading pink at base. Compact, erect plants of medium height. Early bloomer. One of the best of this type. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**GEORGE HOLLIS.** (Hollis 1907.) Large, globular rose type. Center is a pale, rose-pink with lilac-white guards. Very late blooming. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**GEORGE WASHINGTON.** (Hollis 1904.) A large flat, loose bloom of semi-rose type. One of the brightest light crimson-red varieties. Guards clear, collar same as guards; center clear, uniform color. Stamens intermingled with petals. Blooming time mid-season. Habit of plant, erect, medium, compact, medium height. Growth strong and healthy. A strikingly brilliant color that always attracts the attention of visitors. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**GOLDMINE.** (Hollis 1907.) Japanese type. Flat loose, medium size. Guards tyrian rose, center same as guards, tipped golden yellow. Medium tall, erect variety of good habit. Mid-season. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**INNOCENCE.** (Hollis 1904.) A medium sized flat compact Japanese type bloom. General impression, pale pink guard with golden center. According to color chart, lilac-rose; guards clear, center canary-yellow fading to cream-white, pale pink at base of stamens. Fragrant. Habit of plant, erect, tall, compact. Growth strong and healthy. Blooming time mid-season. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**JOHN HANCOCK.** (Hollis 1907.) A very large globular semi-double flower. Its color is one not at all common in Peonies, total effect being bright rosy magenta, guards streaked light; center clear; secondary stamenoids absent. Bloom is very noticeably silver tipped. Fragrant. Blooming time mid-season. **\$3.00 each; \$30.00 per dozen.**

**LOVELINESS.** (Hollis 1907.) One of the best of the Hollis collection. Large, compact, flat, rose type. Hydrangea-pink changing to lilac-white. Strong stems and blooms in clusters. A remarkably fine variety. Certificate from Massachusetts Horticultural Society. **\$7.50 each; \$75.00 per dozen.**

**LUCY E. HOLLIS** (Hollis 1907.) Large flat medium compact; rose type blossom. First impression, pale pink and white. According to color chart lilac-white, guards clear, collar same as guards; center slightly flecked scarlet; secondary stamenoids present. Center of bloom, shaded to pale lilac-rose. Fragrance pleasant. Blooming time very late. Strong, healthy drooping habit; plants of medium height. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**MARY A. LIVERMORE.** (Hollis 1907.) One of the most beautiful of the rose type. A very large flat medium compact, not differentiated, and entirely transformed blossom. General impression rose-pink and white. Petals are a beautiful rose-pink, passing to silver and white at the tips. Fragrance pleasant. Blooming time mid-season to late. Plants are medium erect, medium tall to tall, compact. Growth strong and healthy. Buds borne in clusters. Highly recommended. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**MARY BAKER EDDY.** (Hollis.) Large, compact, globular rose type. Deep rose-pink with silvery tips. Plants of medium height, long, strong stems. Mid-season to late. Scarce. **\$10.00 each; \$100.00 per dozen.**

**MAUD L. RICHARDSON.** (Hollis.) Large, flat rose type. Pale lilac-rose, center lighter. Fragrant. Blooming time late. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

**WELCOME GUEST.** (Hollis 1904.) One of the very finest of the semi-double Peonies. A very large, loose, bright silvery-rose, fading to rose-white. Very strong and healthy, with long stem. Plant erect, tall and medium compact. Buds borne in clusters. Very pleasant fragrance. Mid-season. Highly recommended. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.**

**ZEST.** (Hollis.) A silvery shade of pink, very soft and very beautiful. The petals are long and loosely arranged. Both in color and form this is a very charming variety. **\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per dozen.**

## Rare and Selected Peonies

This collection of 37 Selected Peonies one of each for \$40.00 prepaid.

**ALEXANDER DUMAS.** (Guerin 1862.) Medium sized, light violet-rose crown; has creamy white collar of narrow petals, mingled with wide center petals; fragrant. Medium height, free-bloomer, early mid-season. Good cut flower variety. Recommended. **75 cents each; \$7.50 per dozen.**

**AVALANCHE.** (Crousse 1886.) Medium to large, fairly compact white crown type, flecked with carmine, with cream white collar. Collar well differentiated. Tuft of short, narrow, cream petals in center of bloom. Occasional carmine splash on outside of guards. Odor pleasant. Plant is a medium strong grower of fair habit. Free bloomer in clusters. Mid-season to late. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**AUGUSTIN D'HOUR.** (Calot 1867.) Same as "Marechal Macmahon." Large medium compact, showy, bomb type blossom. General impression, dark reddish pink with slight silvery reflex. According to color chart a solferino red. Mid-season. Medium tall. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**BARONESS SCHROEDER.** (Kelway.) A very beautiful rose type bloom. Form of bloom, globular compact, not differentiated, not entirely transformed. Color, total effect, flesh-white fading to milk-white; guards clear; collar same as guards, center clear, pleasant fragrance. Mid-season. Tall erect strong grower. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.**

**BEAUTE FRANCAISE.** (Guerin 1850.) A good medium sized, compact, crown type. General impression, pink and white. According to color chart, pale lilac-rose and cream-white, with prominent carmine flecks on center petals. Strong vigorous plant of rather dwarf habit, strong medium to short stems. Odor pleasant. Blossoms mid-season. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

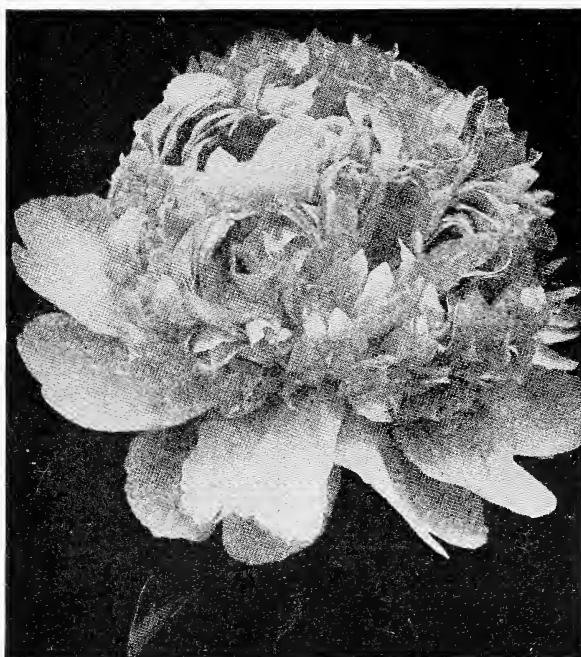
**BERLIOS.** (Crousse 1886.) A large very beautiful compact rose type blossom. A light carmine-rose or rosy magenta, tipped silver with golden-yellow stamens concealed in bloom. Color is somewhat splashed on tips of petals fading to nearly white. Guards not differentiated, perfect rose type flower. Plant is a medium vigorous grower, stems good length and medium strong, good habit. Mid-season to late. Good showy variety. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**COURONNE D'OR.** (Calot 1872.) Large full flower of pure white with a circle of golden stamens. A very beautiful variety and valuable as a cut flower. Late. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**CURIOSITY.** (Dessert & Mechlin, 1886.) Type, bloom anemone. Weak blooms nearly single while very strong ones may be semi-double. Form of bloom medium globular, compact. Differentiated. Color, total effect violet-red, guards clear, collar same as guards, center clear, with occasional yellow tips. Occasional wide petals appearing in center. Fragrance pleasant, one of the largest of the anemone type. Blooming time mid-season. Habit of plant, erect, tall, medium compact. Blooming habit free. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**DORCHESTER.** (Richardson 1870.) Large, compact, rose type. Pale hydrangea-pink. Fragrant. Medium dwarf. Upright, free bloomer. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**DUC D'WELLINGTON.** (Calot 1859.) Large bomb



**Peony—Alexander Dumas. 75 cents each.  
(One-third actual size.)**

type. White guards, and sulphur yellow center. One of the finest white varieties. Medium tall, vigorous grower, free-flowering. Very fragrant. Mid-season to late. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

**DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS.** (Calot 1856.) Crown type, pure white in color, medium size and fragrant. Early. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**EDULIS SUPERBA.** (Lemoine 1824.) The popular early "Decoration Day" Peony, which is masquerading under all of the following names: "Delia," "Edulis Odorato," "Rosa Lilacina," "Mamie Cutler," "Sylvanus," "Glorie de Douai," "Pizano," "Early Rose," "Acanum," "Sainfoin," "Lilacina." Large, loose, flat crown type. Bright deep mauve-pink; color mixed with lilac. Large tuft of wide petals same color as guards, surrounding a few narrow petals in extreme center of bloom, prominent collar. Very fragrant. Free-flowering. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

**FELIX CROUSSE.** (Crousse 1881.) Large globular typical bomb type. First impression, brilliant red. According to color chart, tyrian rose. Same color throughout. Compact and globular when first opening; but opens out somewhat with age, exposing linear petals in extreme center of bloom. Odor pleasant. Strong, vigorous grower, with long stem, rather spreading habit, medium height. Free bloomer in clusters. Mid-season. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**FESTIVA MAXIMA.** (Miellez) 1851. Very large globular rose type. Pure white center, prominently flecked crimson; outer petals sometimes faint lilac-white on first opening. Very tall, strong vigorous grower. The most popular white variety for cut flowers. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

Rare and Selected Peonies — Continued.

**GOLDEN HARVEST.** (Rosenfield 1900.) Bomb type. Guard petals lilac-rose, creamy-yellow collar. Blooms in mid-season. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**KARL ROSENFIELD.** (Rosenfield 1908.) A very brilliant crimson-scarlet, high built and a first-class bloomer. Tall, strong grower. **\$3.00 each; \$25.00 per dozen.**

**LA COQUETTE.** (1861.) (See illustration, page 16.) Large, globular, high crown. Guards and crown light pink; collar rose-white, center flecked carmine. Strong, erect, medium height, free bloomer. Fragrant. Mid-season. **\$1.00 each; \$7.50 per dozen.**

**LA ROSIERE.** (Crousse 1888.) A dainty variety with semi-double white blooms having yellow tints like a tea rose. Foliage dark green and "crinkled." Not large, but very charming. Mid-season. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**LA TULIPE.** (Calot 1872.) Synonym "Multicolore." Very large, flat, semi-rose type flower. Lilac-white, outer petals striped with crimson. Fragrant. Tall, strong grower, and free bloomer. Late mid-season. Very attractive. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**LIBERTY.** This is without doubt one of the best lively rose-pink shades introduced. The flowers are very large, somewhat flat in appearance. Six to eight inches across, borne on good strong stems, the color grows lighter with age. It is a very strong grower with heavy foliage. This should be in every collection. One of the best. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per dozen.**

**MME. CROUSSE.** (Calot 1866.) A very large and beautiful pure white flower, sometimes showing a crimson fleck on a central petal. Extra. Mid-season. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**MADAME CHAUMY.** (Calot 1864.) Medium size, globular, very compact, perfect rose type, Satiny rose-pink, or pale lilac-rose, with silver reflex, central petals slightly darker, flecked crimson occasionally. Free bloomer in clusters. Mid-season. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

**MADAME DUCEL.** (Mechin 1880.) Large, globular, typical bomb type, petals incurving somewhat resembling a Chrysanthemum. Light mauve-rose, with silvery reflex. Fragrant. Mid-season. Foliage very large, green, medium height. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**MADAME EMILE GALLE.** (Crousse 1881.) Large, flat rose type of a very delicate sea-shell pink in the

center passing to a lighter shade. Late bloomer. An extra fine light variety. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**MADAME GEISSLER.** (Crousse 1880.) Very large, compact, globular, imbricated, rose-type. Violet-rose, tipped silver. Very fragrant, spreading habit. Mid-season. **\$3.00 each; \$25.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**MARIE STUART.** (Calot 1856.) Crown type. First impression, white. Cream-white, with pale pink guards, center flecked crimson, all fading to white. Guard petals are well differentiated, thick collar of narrow yellowish petals, on young bloom. Good yearly variety. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**MILLIAIS.** Single flowers deep crimson with golden-yellow stamens. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**MONSIEUR BOUCHARLAT AINE.** (Calot 1868.) Large, full, compact, semi-rose type. Uniform light violet-rose, with silvery reflex. Very strong erect grower, medium height, free bloomer. Mid-season to late. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

**MONSIEUR DUPONT.** (Calot 1872.) Large, flat semi-rose type bloom. Cream to milk-white, petals are intermingled with stamens at all stages of development, but mostly concealed; petals streaked or splashed crimson. Odor pleasant. Free bloomer in clusters. Plant is a strong, tall grower, with a very stout stem, and upright habit. Mid-season to late. Very good. Similar to "Boule de Neige." **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**MONSIEUR JULES ELIE.** (Crousse 1888.) A very large, medium compact, bomb type flower. Total effect, pale lilac-rose, guards and center clear, collar tinted lighter than guards. A very attractive pink; base of collar petals amber-yellow. Fragrance very pleasant. One of the finest pink varieties grown, somewhat resembling a chrysanthemum. Early to mid-season. Habit of plant good, erect, medium height, medium compact. **\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per dozen.** Highly recommended.

**QUEEN VICTORIA.** (Kelway.) Large, globular in form, medium loose, low crown. Milk-white guards, tinted flesh; center cream-white, with crimson flecks. Very fragrant. Medium height, strong, free-bloomer. Mid-season. Very popular, being one of the best white varieties. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**ROSY DAWN.** (Barr.) One of the largest Single Peonies, if not the largest. Snow-white flowers, tinged blush at first, resembling a great white water-lily. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

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**SPECIAL OFFER  
TULIPS FOR MASSING**

For a Bed seven feet in diameter

I will send 100 each of the following Tulips which are four of the best varieties grown for massing in beds, or I will send 400 each of any one variety for the same money.

**100 — Keizerkroon**

**100 — Farncombe Sanders**

**100 — Pride of Haarlem**

**100 — Rainbow Mixed**

All for **\$20.00 Express Collect.**

**NOTICE**

My Tulips are all Top-size bulbs, not seconds nor third size, and the letters we have received from thousands of our last year's customers telling of their grand success with my bulbs, are very gratifying indeed and it is a great pleasure to have so many satisfied friends and customers.

Remember, everything is guaranteed to be perfectly satisfactory in every way.

Be sure to try some of my Tulips and other Fall bulbs and plants this season.

**Rare and Selected Peonies—Continued.**

**SARAH BERNHARDT.** (Lemoine 1906.) A very large, beautiful flat, imbricated, compact semi-rose type blossom. Flowers of remarkable size and freshness in huge clusters, and of unusual perfection in form. First impression is an apple-blossom pink, with each petal silver tipped. According to color chart, a mauve-rose; guards clear, collar same as guards, center clear. Pleasant fragrance, late blossoming. Habit of plant, medium erect, tall, medium compact, growth strong. **\$5.00 each. \$50.00 per dozen.** Recommended. This variety should not be confused with Dessert's "Sarah Bernhardt" so-called, as it is entirely different.

**SIR THOMAS LIPTON.** (Kelway.) Large, loose flat, semi-double flower. A uniform bright rosy crimson, showing the golden-yellow stamens prominently in

the center. Pleasant fragrance. Mid-season. Plants of medium height, strong, erect growth, producing their flowers abundantly. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.** Recommended.

**THERESE.** (Dessert 1904.) One of the finest Peonies grown. Very large, compact, rose type; violet-rose, lighter in center. Very free bloomer on strong erect stems. Mid-season. **\$7.50 each; \$75.00 per dozen.**

**UMBELATA ROSEA.** (Unknown.) Informal rose type. Guards violet-rose shading to amber-white center. Strong upright grower. One of the most popular. **75 cents each; \$7.50 per dozen.**

**VENUS.** (Kelway 1888.) Rose type, almost white but tinged with shell-pink. Mid-season. Fragrant. Fine for cut flowers. **\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per dozen.**



**GROUP OF SINGLE PEONIES**

## Single Peonies

Single Peonies are becoming more and more popular each year, many people considering them more artistic and beautiful than the double ones. They are exceptionally attractive, and not at all common in the garden, making them especially desirable. They are very airy and stand out prominently, producing their blossoms in great abundance.

I have a very choice collection, principally seedlings, possessing the most delicate and rarest shades; but my stock is insufficient for me to offer them under names, therefore, I offer them under color, and at greatly reduced prices.

White shades, and pure white  
Pale pink and delicate shades  
Deep pink shades

**\$1.00 each.  
50 cents each.  
50 cents each.**

Crimson shades  
Pink and white shades

**\$1.00 each.  
50 cents each.**

## Mixed Peonies

Each season, in handling our Peonies, a small amount becomes mixed, many times the very choicest varieties. It does not prove worth while for me to plant these separately, to ascertain their names, so I am offering them at 35 cents each (3 for \$1.00) as long as they last. This mixture is apt to include some of the best new creations not offered in my catalog; and includes both Double and Single varieties.

**SPECIAL PEONY OFFER:** To give you an opportunity to have a more complete and choice collection of Peonies, I am making the following offer:

I will ship you Three Choice Peonies for \$5.00, transportation charges prepaid to any part of the United States or Canada. These to be three distinct varieties, that I can recommend to give satisfaction.

# The Iris

## Fleur de Lis or Iris Germanica

Familiar and well-beloved flowers of Spring. The purity of their beauty and their haunting fragrance is decidedly refreshing. The winsome, modest beauty of some, forming a striking contrast to their more glorious sisters arrayed in a sheen of iridescent splendor. They fairly outrival the Orchid in the wide range of coloring, which includes yellows, from light canary to deep golden; blues, from soft lavender to intense purples; red, from pinkish mauve to claret and maroon; beautiful bronzes, and pure whites; while some varieties are marked and margined in exquisite harmony.

The Iris grows well in any kind of soil. Succeeds in partial shade but gives the most satisfactory results in well drained sunny location. Iris Germanica are perfectly hardy and require only ordinary cultivation; growing luxuriantly but respond quickly to any extra care giving larger and more beautiful flowers. They should be planted in the Fall during August, September and October. Plant the bud or crown about two inches below the surface, hoe or cultivate frequently for best results.

In the following descriptions Standards signify the three standards (erect, or upright curling petals); Falls—the three falls, or drooping petals.

## Iris of Exceptional Merit

This superb collection of twenty-nine Wonderful Irises, prepaid to any part of the World for \$8.00.

**AMABILIS.** Standards light lavender, darker at the tips; Falls, dark purple veined white at the base. **25 cents each.**

**ASSENDUS.** Standards, Lavender-blue; Falls, same shade of blue but darker towards the tips, and with veining of dark red at the base. A very attractive blue. **25 cents each.**

**ELIZABETH.** Standards, pale lavender, darker in center; Falls, mauve, melting into pale blue. A very large, attractive flower. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**FLAVESCENS.** Standards and Falls, a delicate shade of soft yellow. Very fragrant, fine for massing. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**FLORENTINA ALBA, Syn. SILVER KING.** The finest white variety. Standards and Falls, porcelain, changing to pure white. Large and very fragrant. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

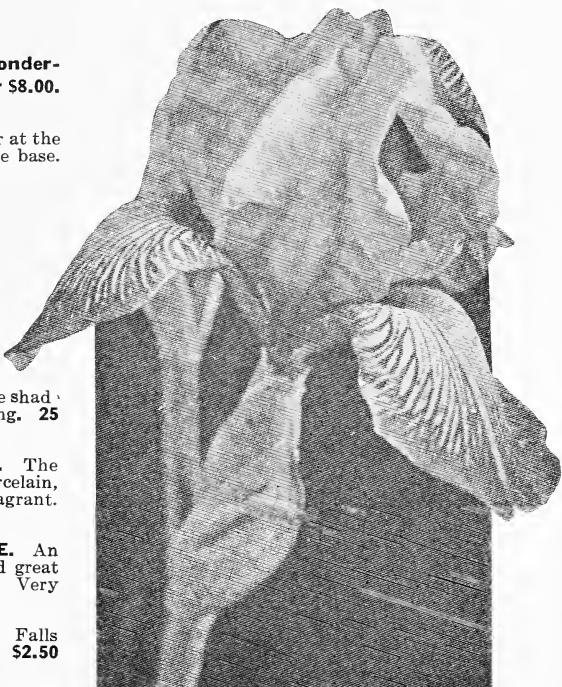
**FLORENTINA BLUE, Syn. GERMAN BLUE.** An excellent standard variety which has attained great popularity. Standards and Falls, Yale-blue. Very fragrant. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**HERANT.** Standards, beautiful lavender-blue; Falls blue. Very large and tall. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.** The finest of the blue shades.

**HONORABILIS.** The most popular of all Iris. Similar to Sans Souci. Standards, beautiful golden yellow; Falls, rich mahogany-brown. Very effective. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**HECTOR.** Standards, soft clouded-yellow; Falls, rich purple color with velvety reflex. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**HER MAJESTY.** Very attractive on account of its rich and unusual color. Standards, heliotrope of tissue-like delicacy; inner petals straw and lavender;

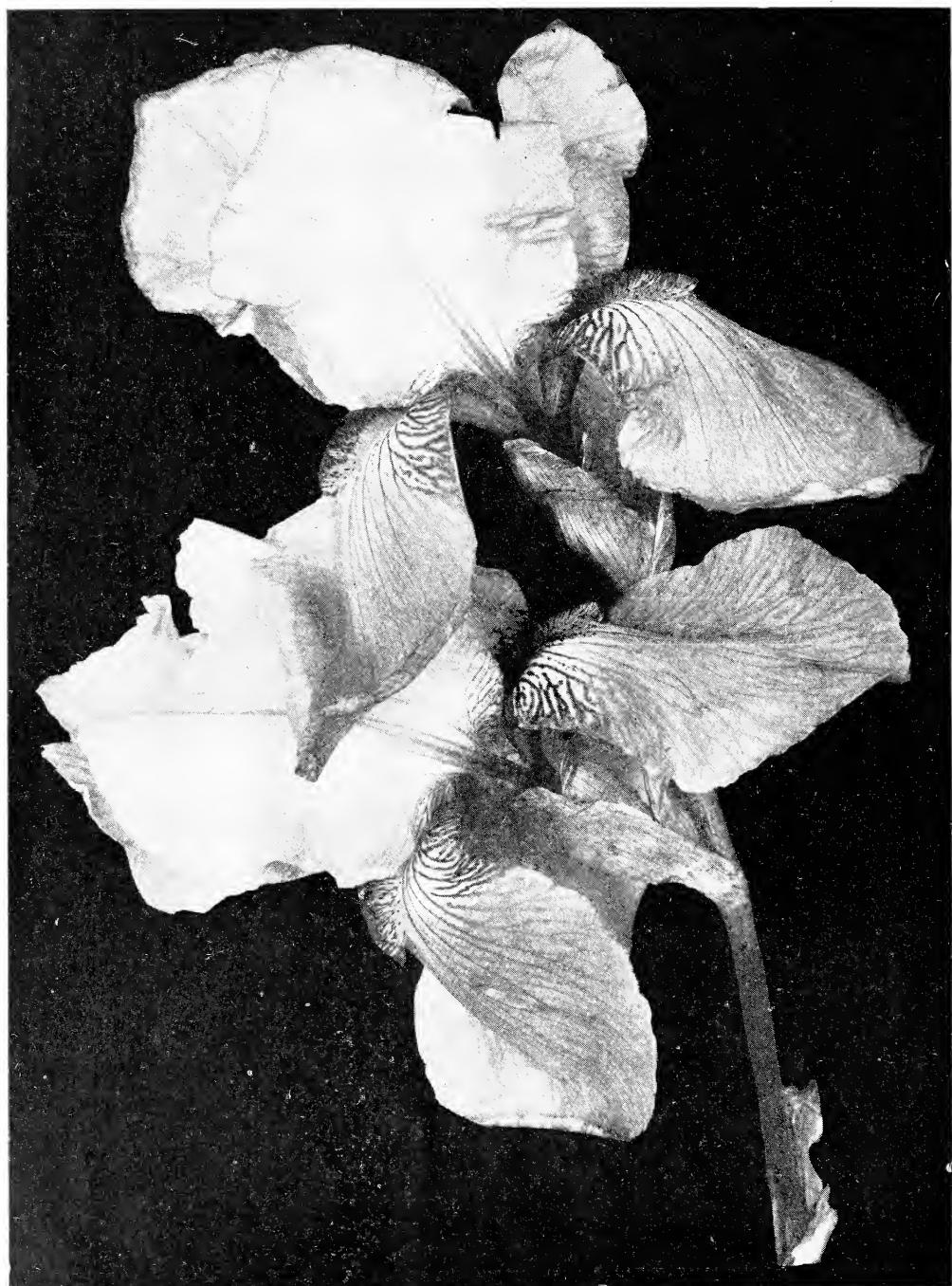


**IRIS KING**

For description see p. 9

Falls, light mauve traced with white. A very fine, rich flower. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

**IGNATIA.** Standards and Falls, mauve. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**



**LOHENGRIN** — (For Description see page 9)

This variety should be used extensively for massing and borders, also for rock gardens and lily ponds effect nothing so grand. **Price 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.**

**IRIS KING.** Truly properly named, as this variety is a king among Iris. Standards rich golden-yellow with shades of fawn; Falls, deep crimson-wine; all petals of peculiar velvetiness and superb coloring. A magnificent Iris. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

**KHEDIVE.** A beautiful soft lavender, with distinct orange beard. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**KOCHI.** Standards and Falls effective rich purple. This is one of the choicest. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**KOENIG.** Very similar to Honorabilis with golden yellow Standards and mahogany brown Falls. The falls are darker than in Honorabilis. **25 cents each.**

**LOHENGRIN.** Standards and Falls of catalyea-rose; one of the largest and best of the Irises to my knowledge, and without exception the finest lavender pink shade. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

**LORD GREY.** Clouded rose-fawn. A very old and novel shade, very rare and uncommon among the Iris. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

**LORD SALISBURY.** One of the finest for cutting with stems 24 inches long. Standards, Lavender shaded a smoky fawn; Falls, deep purple with a veining of white at the base. **50 cents each.**

**LORELEY.** Splendid landscape variety, with lemon-yellow, sometimes splashed with purple standards and Falls ultra-marine blue bordered cream and veined white. Mid-season. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

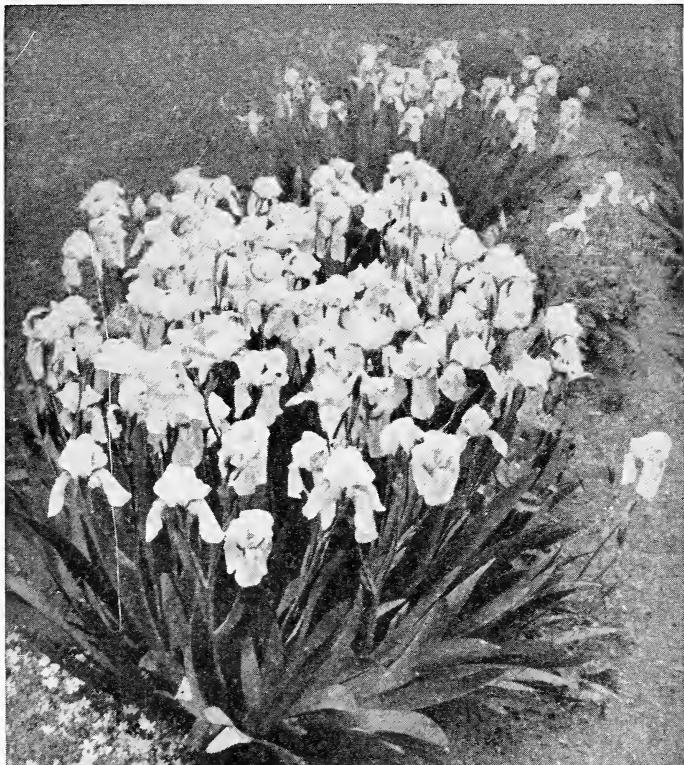
**MRS. H. DARWIN.** A pure white. Falls slightly reticulated violet. Very beautiful and free-flowering. Recommended. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**MADAME CHEREAU.** The pride of the German Iris; a tall stately queenly flower. A majestic specimen of entrancing beauty. Standards, white, edged and fringed mauve, interspersed with lilac; inner petals white; Falls, white, edged the same as the Standards. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

**NIBELUNGEN.** Standards of fawn-yellow; Falls of violet-purple with fawn margins. A very handsome variety, that I can highly recommend. One of the very largest. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

**PALLIDA SPECIOSA or TURKEY FLAG.** Standards, dark lavender shaded lighter; Falls, shaded light purple. **25 cents each.**

**PANCHUREA.** Standards, a light smoky shade; Falls, dull violet-red. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**



"PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE" in foreground.

(See description on this page.)

**PALLIDA DALMATICA, or PRINCESS BEATRICE.** A much desired variety, with strong broad leaves, large plants producing tall, stately, clear lavender flowers. 36 inches in height. Highly recommended. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

**PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE.** (See illustration above). An exceptionally good landscape variety, with light yellow standards and plum colored Falls bordered cream. Similar to "Loreley" but in general of slightly lighter colors. Mid-season. One of the largest and best. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

**QUEEN OF MAY.** Called by many "The Pink Iris," and a variety that is a favorite everywhere. An early flowering delicate old rose. Tall and stately. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**QUEEN OF THE GYPSIES.** Perfectly marvelous blending of colors. Standards smoky or dusky light bronze; Falls, purplish-red. An entirely new color, one of the finest to date. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

### SPECIAL OFFER

Five select Iris, regular value \$1.45, all prepaid for \$1.00. Try them.

1 Flavescens.....	\$ .25	1 Madame Chereau.....	.35
1 Honorabilis.....	.25	1 Pallida Dalmatica.....	.35
1 Kochi.....	.25		
			<b>\$1.45</b>

## Japanese Iris - *Iris Kaempferi*

The Japanese Iris is without doubt the king of all Irises. If grown in a favorable location the flowers will attain a size of from eight to twelve inches across and stand over four feet from the ground.

They should be planted in a location that has plenty of moisture but which is well drained, especially in Winter. Standing water during the Winter months will probably kill the plants. They should be planted in the Spring or early Fall and if properly planted and cared for will give excellent results the following season.

They start blooming the last of June just at a time when cut flowers are most appreciated in the garden, and continue for about six weeks. When used for cut flowers they should be cut in the bud and allowed to open in water.

Order by name or number.

**I will send this complete collection of 12 Japanese Iris for \$7.00 prepaid.**

- 5. SUIN.** Six petals. Mid-season. Creamy white throughout, strong grower with several flowers on a stalk. **50 cents each.**
- 36. TSURO-NO-KEGOROMO.** Three petals. Mid-season. Pure white with yellow blotch. Very large flower. **35 cents each.**
- 40. HANA-AOI.** Six lavender-grey Falls with yellow throat-bar set in purple field. Stamens violet. **50 cents each.**
- 98. GINGYOKU.** Three petals. Early. Pure white with orange bar. **35 cents each.**
- 107. KOMBARIN.** Six petals. Early. Plain white with orange blotch. **50 cents each.**
- 110. RISH-NO-TAMI.** Six petals. Late. Falls, light ground veined and splashed violet; dark violet stamens. **50 cents each.**
- 118. MANADZURA.** Six petals. White closely veined with blue. **\$1.00 each.**
- 120. KUMO-NO-UYE.** Six petals. Late. Deep purple with yellow center set in sky-blue field. **\$1.00 each.**
- 130. UCHIU.** Three petals. Mid-season. Falls, dark purple veined white, orange blotch. Stands, white tipped purple. **35 cents each.**
- 131. TUJI-NO-HOTARU.** Six petals. Late. Dark purple-brown overlaid with light blue. **50 cents each.**
- 137. DATEDOGUE.** Six petals. Late. Falls, white splashed violet. Petaloid stamens white, tipped violet. **\$1.00 each.**
- 142. KUMA-FUNGIN.** Six petals. Early. Purple-blue, stigmas lighter, long orange bars. **\$1.00 each.**

## Hardy Perennial Phlox

Among hardy herbaceous plants, none is more gorgeous and more easily grown than the Phlox. They are perfectly hardy, grow in any soil and produce magnificent spikes of the most gorgeous flowers. They require but little care, simply keep clear of weeds and well hoed. In planting be sure that the crown of the root, that is, the point where new shoots start, is two inches below the surface of the ground.

### Choice New Phlox for 1925

- BEACON.** Brilliant cherry-red, one of the best red shades grown. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**
- B. COMTE.** Dark red, very large trusses, not so tall a grower as many others, but one of the most showy varieties grown. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**
- DEBS.** The finest red phlox there is. Color is bright

fiery crimson. There is no other phlox that resembles Debs. Very tall strong grower. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.**

- JOHNSON'S FAVORITE.** Light salmon-pink with a dark red eye, resembling Elizabeth Campbell but far superior in every way. Strong grower. **75 cents each; \$7.50 per dozen.**

### Select Standard Phlox

- GRUPPENKOENOGIN.** One of the finest new Phloxes. Deep mallow pink with tyrian rose eye. Very large trusses; individual flower of enormous size. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

- LE MAHDI.** A perfect beauty of special merit. The flower is a rich, dark violet-purple, a color rare among Phlox. The plants are very strong and robust; they are of medium height and produce large flower trusses; individual flowers exceptionally large. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

- LE SOLEIL.** One of the most beautiful Phlox grown. Brilliant china rose, with white ring around a deep rose eye. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

- JEANNE D'ARC or SNOW QUEEN.** Undoubtedly the very finest pure white variety to date. The plants are extra strong growers of medium height, producing exceptionally large heads. Ideal for hedging or massing. Highly recommended. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen; \$12.00 per 100; \$100.00 per 1,000.**

- ORNAMENT.** Bright clear rose with a light halo, darker center. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

- PEACH BLOW.** One of the most delicate shades among the new phlox. Deep rose-pink with white ring and tyrian pink eye. **50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.**

- R. P. STRUTHERS.** Very strong grower with large heads of fiery salmon-red. Very showy. Fine for borders or hedging. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

- RICHARD WALLACE.** White with distinct violet eye. One of the most popular, and best known. An exceptionally good variety, that is always reliable, proving a favorite everywhere. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

- THOR.** A most beautiful and lively shade of deep salmon-pink, suffused and overlaid with a scarlet glow; with a light, almost white halo surrounding the aniline-red eye. This lovely variety holds a supreme place among the deep salmon-pink, and it is a pleasure to recommend this new creation. It is of exceptionally good habit, being tall and sturdy and producing immense trusses. Flowers are of gigantic size. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

- W. C. EGAN.** One of the very finest Phloxes yet introduced, and a variety that wins instant favor, while the individual flowers, according to color chart, are of a delicate lilac, illuminated by a large bright solferino eye, the color effect, as a whole, is a pleasing shade of soft pink. In habit of growth it is very strong and vigorous; producing immense panicles of flowers nine inches high by seven across, and the individual flowers are frequently over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Very satisfactory and one that I can highly recommend. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**

- WIDAR.** A very attractive and rare variety that I can highly recommend. Pure purple with a prominent white center. Different from all the other varieties. **50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.**



**SIBERIAN IRIS: "SIBERICA ALBA"**  
25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen. (See below for description)

## Siberian Iris

**SIBERICA.** (Siberian Blue.) (See illustration, this page.) Rich blue flowers of exquisite beauty. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

**SIBERICA ALBA.** (See illustration above.) Siberian White. A beautiful white flower. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

\$12.00 per 100 express prepaid; \$75.00 per 1,000 express prepaid; 250 at 1,000 rate express collect.

**SPECIAL IRIS OFFER:** — To give my friends and customers an opportunity to have a more complete collection of these early blossoming favorites, I am making the following offer: —

I will ship you Five Choice Named Varieties of Iris for \$1.00, transportation charges prepaid to any part of the United States or Canada. If you have Irises, and wish different varieties from those you are growing, tell me the color and name if you know it, and I will make a selection of varieties that does not include what you have, which will give you five new colors. In making this selection, I will use my best judgment, giving you the greatest variety of colors possible, and varieties I believe will give you satisfaction.

## Tulips for Bedding

The Tulips are universal favorites; the most popular and attractive for early Spring display in the garden or for Winter blooming in the house or conservatory. Tulips can be used in many places in the garden, if one wishes to get the most out of them.

Bold masses of one, two or three solid colors are well known and prove one of the showiest and most attractive ways of growing these "Queen of Spring Flowers." In groups, several of one color together, they are very effective, especially along the hardy border, or in beds that will later bloom with Summer colors. It is best to avoid the one-flower spotty effect, as masses of one color make a far more satisfactory showing. For April and May the Tulip adds just the needed bit of color to brighten the entire lawn.

For Spring flowers, plant bulbs outside in October and November. The soil should be thoroughly dug over and a liberal supply of well rotted manure applied. Fertilizer is also good. For best effect, when planting in small clumps, the bulbs should be set four inches deep and four inches apart, but in large beds or borders a distance of five or six inches between the bulbs can be allowed.

**SHIPPED PREPAID** to any part of United States or Canada at prices quoted.

### Single Early Tulips

**One each of the 9 Single Early Tulips listed below for 85 cents prepaid. 3 of each for \$2.50, 6 of each for \$4.50 prepaid.**

Single Early Tulips should be planted about 5 inches deep and from 5 to 6 inches apart. To obtain the best results, both when forcing and when planting in your garden, the very finest select quality, heaviest top-size bulbs should be used.

It is this very scarce quality of bulbs that we furnish exclusively and upon such quality our prices have been based.

**ARTUS.** A large brilliant flower of dazzling scarlet. Splendid for out of door planting in mass or groups where it is very showy. Early flowering, dwarf grower. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**CHRYSELORA.** A large and extra fine pure golden-yellow Tulip; desirable for bedding with red and white sorts. Superior to the popularly grown "Canary Bird." Medium height. Early. **\$1.00 per dozen; \$8.00 per 100.**

**COULEUR DE CARDINAL.** A warm red Tulip with a plum-colored bloom on the outer petals. Handsome, globular form and a strong stem that makes it particularly fine for bedding. Creates a rich effect planted among purple pansies. Its place is essentially in the open where it produces an effect both rich and satisfying. Height, 13 inches. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**COTTAGE MAID.** Soft pink suffused with white. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**KEIZERKROON.** (Grand Duc). Of a glorious and attractive blending of colors. Scarlet red with broad yellow margin. Large flower that is well formed, and proves to be one of the showiest. A strong sturdy grower and one of the finest tall varieties for bedding. Early to blossom. A favorite everywhere. **\$1.25 for 12; \$9.00 per 100.**

**LADY BOREEL or White Joost van Vondel.** Best pure white Tulip, exceedingly fine large flower. Medium height, early. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**POTTEBAKKER SCARLET.** Tall early bright scarlet with yellow center. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**ROSE GRIS-DE-LIN.** A beautiful and useful variety. White shaded with delicate pink. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**YELLOW PRINCE.** Golden-orange yellow; the best of the low-growing yellow Tulips; sweet-scented. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

### Selected Double Early Tulips

With few exceptions the Double Tulips should be used for bedding only, as they do not force so well as the single varieties. While the Double Tulips may not be quite so effective as the single sorts, the flowers are more durable, and, as they bloom later, they prolong the flowering period.

Usually it is advisable to use only one variety of Double Tulips in a bed, rather than to combine them as with the Single Tulips. Beds of different varieties can usually be arranged within a few feet of each other, thus permitting the characteristics of each variety to stand out distinctly, and also to give the effect of one large bed of double flowers.

**One each of the Five Selected Double Tulips shipped prepaid for 50 cents. Three of each for \$1.35. 6 of each for \$2.50**

**ALBA MAXIMA.** Flower-stems of medium length surmounted by pure white blooms. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**COURONNE D'OR.** A magnificent full, deep golden-yellow slightly shaded orange. An exceptionally good bedding variety and splendid for forcing and cutting. Height, 11 inches. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**MURILLO.** An exquisite soft pink, with white markings. Makes beautiful beds and is the most easily forced. Height, 11 inches. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**RUBRA MAXIMA.** A large brilliant deep red, of good habit. Exceptionally strong and sturdy grower, flowers last a long time prolonging the blooming period. The best variety for long narrow beds or borders. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**TITIAN.** A most unusual blending of cardinal-red and rare yellow tones. Brilliant, sturdy variety for outdoor planting. Height 10 inches. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

### Tulip Mixtures

**SINGLE EARLY TULIPS.** Finest mixture. **50 cents for 12; \$4.00 per 100.**

**DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS.** Finest mixture. **60 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**BEAUTIFUL DARWIN RAINBOW MIXTURE.** **75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

# Giant Darwin Tulips

## The Twelve Finest Darwins in Cultivation

The late flowering Darwin Tulip has outclassed all its predecessors in type style, and beauty, and is at the present time the Queen of the Tulip family. It attains a height of two to three feet, with strong heavy foliage, erect and robust stems, terminating in large and massive flowers. The colors range from palest lilac to purplish black, including shades of rose, scarlet, crimson-violet, brown and white; most of the flowers showing a particular satiny effect. They bloom with the Columbines, three or four weeks after the Single Early Tulips. Clumps of them along the edge of shrubbery and in the hardy plant borders are very effective. They are especially beautiful when cut for vases. The Darwins grow tall, bloom for a long time, and last well as cut flowers. If planted six to eight inches deep and left undisturbed, will flower for many seasons.

Shipped prepaid to any part of the world at prices below. One each of the fifteen Finest Darwin Tulips listed for \$1.25 prepaid.

**CLARA BUTT.** An exquisite shade of clear pink flushed salmon-rose; a large flower of remarkable beauty. The finest Darwin of its color. 21 inches tall. **75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**BARTIGON.** Fiery crimson, white center; a strong grower and excellent for forcing. Enormous. **\$1.25 for 12; \$7.00 per 100.**

**DREAM.** A beautiful soft lilac, large flowers of fine form. 26 inches in height. **75 cents for 12; \$5.50 100.**

**FARNCOMBE SANDERS.** Fiery rose-scarlet, inside vivid cerise-scarlet with white centre marked blue. Large broad petaled flower of perfect shape. One of the finest sorts, if not the finest of all the reds. 25 inches tall. **75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**GLOW.** (Claude Gillot.) Dazzling vermillion-scarlet, white base with blue markings, large flower of excellent shape. Like a large Poppy, it is so brilliant. 23 inches in height. **\$1.00 for 12; \$6.00 per 100.**

**LA CANDEUR.** (Syn., White Queen.) The nearest to a white Darwin. Delicate opalescent tints and effective black anthers. Height, 27 inches. **75 cents for 12; \$5.50 per 100.**

**MASSACHUSETTS.** Vivid pink with white centre. One of the best of its color for beds; splendid form. Height 26 inches. **75 cents for 12; \$5.50 per 100.**

**PAINTED LADY.** Creamy white, faintly tinted soft heliotrope when open. A very beautiful flower resembling a Water Lily. 27 inches in height. **75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**PROFESSOR RAUWENHOFF.** Deep cherry rose with ivory white and blue star at base; splendid early forcing, enormous flowers of great substance. **\$1.25 for 12; \$7.50 per 100.**

**PRINCESS ELIZABETH.** Beautiful clear deep pink, changing with age to rose-pink, white base. Large flower of perfect shape, quite like a Rose when first open. Splendid for the border or for forcing. **\$1.25 for 12; \$8.50 per 100.**

**PRIDE OF HAARLEM.** (See illustration.) One of the largest tulips grown, of excellent form and great beauty. In color a brilliant rosy-carmine suffused purplish blue at base. For groups this variety is unsurpassed; both for its glorious color and its stately habit. 28 inches high. **75 cents for 12; \$5.50 per 100.**

**SIERAAD VAN LORA.** A lovely rosy-red, large flower of fine form. **75 cents for 12; \$6.00 per 100.**

**SIR HARRY VEITCH.** Rich blood red, blue base; large bold flower. Height 28 inches. **75 cents for 12; \$6.00 per 100.**

**THE YELLOW DARWIN.** (Inglescombe Yellow.) Large globular flowers of canary yellow. A splendid novelty. 26 inches in height. **75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**WILLIAM COPLAND.** Well-formed flowers of a fine lilac tone. The best and finest early forcing Darwin Tulip, and therefore invaluable for cutting. Very fine for the border. Height 28 inches. **75 cents for 12; \$5.50 per 100.**

**SPECIAL OFFER.** I will ship six of each of the above fifteen varieties to your address for **\$7.50** prepaid, or twelve of each of the fifteen varieties for **\$15.00** prepaid.



**DARWIN TULIPS**

"Pride of Haarlem" in the center, "Clara Butt" around the outside.  
**75 cents per Doz. \$5.50 per 100. 50 bulbs at 100 rate prepaid. Per 1,000 \$40.00 express collect.**



**Large-flowering Narcissus "Emperor" one of the best for naturalizing**

## Narcissi Daffodils and Jonquils

**LAST YEAR TO IMPORT HOLLAND NARCISSI**

**SPECIAL NOTICE—Last Call**

The Federal Horticultural Board of the Department of Agriculture has decided that Narcissi or Daffodils will not be allowed to enter into our country after January, 1926.

We would advise you to order early before our stocks are exhausted.

**Culture Outside.** The large-flowered, or the sorts which have large bulbs, should be planted from 4 to 6 inches deep and about 5 inches apart. Planting should be started as soon as possible after October 1st, but bulbs may be planted any time before the ground is frozen too hard to work.

**Culture in Pots.** As a general rule, treat Narcissi the same as Hyacinths. They should be planted about 6 bulbs in a 6-inch pot or pan and put in a dark and cool place where they may develop their roots. Let them remain until January 1st, when they may be removed to a warmer temperature, but kept in the dark until the foliage is about 6 inches high; then bring to the light and allow them to flower.

There is at the present time a very large assortment of Narcissi from which to make selections, and nearly all are of a quality worthy of cultivation. It is almost impossible to list the complete line of these beautiful Spring flowers, but the following few I offer are varieties which I deem will give the best satisfaction.

I recommend the large Double Nosed Bulbs, as they are Mother Bulbs that I can guarantee to bloom. They cost a trifle more, but are twice the value, and I can recommend them as far superior to the ordinary sizes. Bulbs shipped prepaid to any part of the world at prices quoted.

**One each of the Fifteen Different Varieties of Narcissi, Daffodils and Jonquils for \$1.25 prepaid.**

**Six each of the Fifteen varieties for \$7.00 prepaid, or twelve of each for \$12.00.**

**ALBA PLENA ODORATA.** (The familiar Poet Narcissus or Double Jonquil.) Large double, pure white flowers of delicious fragrance, flowering about Memorial Day. One of the best for borders or for naturalizing. Extra selected double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$6.00 per 100.** Strong single-nosed bulbs. **.75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**BARRII CONSPICUUS.** A flower of exquisite beauty unexcelled for cutting; white with large broad spreading perianth; broad, short cup conspicuously edged bright orange-scarlet. One of the most popular of the Narcissi. Splendid for borders. **50 cents for 12; \$4.00 per 100.**

**BICOLOR, VICTORIA.** Erect flowers with golden-yellow trumpet and pure white perianth. Flowers large; fine for forcing. Extra heavy double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**BICOLOR, EMPRESS.** A new giant variety with immense flowers. Rich yellow trumpet with sulphur-white perianth. This variety and "Emperor" are the most permanent sorts, being splendid for the garden and the best for naturalizing. Extra-heavy, double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$7.00 per 100.**

**CAMPERNELLE RUGULOSUS.** Rich yellow. The largest Jonquil. Splendid for naturalizing. A very beautiful garden variety. Double nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$6.50 per 100.**

**EMPEROR.** (Ajax Type.) (See above illustration.) New giant variety with immense flowers, often three and one-half inches across. Rich, full, yellow trumpet; deep primrose perianth. Splendid for forcing or outside planting. Extra-heavy, double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

Daffodils and Jonquils — Continued.

**GOLDEN SPUR.** Another giant variety of rich golden-yellow. Extra large double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**KING ALFRED.** A new gigantic remarkably handsome Daffodil; unrivaled in size and beauty. Exceptionally large, golden yellow flower with deeply frilled mouth; elegantly recurved. Of lasting quality. Selected extra-heavy, double-nosed bulbs. **\$4.00 for 12; \$25.00 per 100.**

**KING EDWARD VII.** The very largest form of Poeticus; an exquisite flower of elegance. Snow-white petals; beautifully shaped canary-yellow cup, bordered with orange-red. Fine for forcing and of vigorous growth in the garden. Extra-heavy, double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**MADAME DE GRAAFF.** One of the largest and finest in this class; perianth pure white; trumpet very pale primrose, passing into pure white; a refined, delicate flower. Selected. Double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**MRS. LANGTRY.** A beautiful Single Narcissus of Leedsi type. Remarkable, free-flowering variety; broad crimson perianth, with large white cup, edged bright yellow; very conspicuous. Excellent for mass planting. Extra-heavy, double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$7.00 per 100.**

**POETICUS ORNATUS.** Better than the Poet or Pheasant's Eye Narcissus. Blooms earlier than the others, making it very desirable for Decoration Day. Pure white with orange-red cup; very fragrant. Excellent for cutting; fine for naturalizing; Selected Double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$6.00 per 100.**

**SINGLE SWEET-SCENTED NARCISSUS JON-QUILLA.** Yellow free-flowering. **75 cents for 12; \$5.00 per 100.**

**SIR WATKIN.** (Single Narcissus, Incomparable type.) A grand flower; primrose perianth, often five inches across; cup yellow, tinted bright orange elegantly fringed. Very popular. Extra heavy, double-nosed bulbs. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

**VON SION.** (The Old-fashioned Double Daffodil.) Flowers deep golden-yellow, very decorative; excellent for cutting. **\$1.00 for 12; \$8.00 per 100.**

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## Bulb Planting Schedule

### Number of Bulbs Required for Planting Circular Beds.

Diameter of Bed in feet	3 in. apart	4 in. apart	6 in. apart	8 in. apart
3	127	95	37	
4	217	127	61	37
5	331	225	91	69
6	469	271	127	78
7	631	410	169	96
8	817	469	217	127
9	1027	650	271	165
10	1261	721	331	190
11	1519	940	397	240
12	1801	1027	469	271

## Mixed Daffodils

A splendid mixture of many varieties, all suitable for successful naturalization in all sizes bulbs. **\$1.50 for 25 bulbs; \$4.00 per 100, \$30.00 per 1,000.** The price has been made very low, to induce liberal planting of these lovely flowers.

## Crocus, Spring-Flowering “The Heralds of Spring”

Crocuses, among the first flowers to bloom in the early Spring, are always the admiration of everyone, especially when planted amid the grass in lawns, their bright flowers producing a fine contrast. They may also be planted among other Spring-flowering bulbs, such as Tulips, Hyacinths and Narcissi, making a splendid show before the other varieties begin to bloom. The results obtained from planting Crocuses in pots or pans for house blooming are very satisfactory. For this purpose it is advisable to use the best. To grow Crocuses in pots, place the bulbs about one-half inch apart and one-half inch deep, keeping them in a cool place until thoroughly rooted, when they may be brought to the light for blooming. In the open, bulbs should be set at least 3 inches deep.

## Choice Mixture of Crocus

The following mixture is well adapted for bedding, naturalizing or planting in conspicuous places in lawns. The colors include a complete selection of all the shades and markings, as well as the self colors, beautiful pure whites, white varieties delicately tinted, pale yellows and golden yellows, all shades of blue and purple, together with striped and variegated varieties. **50 cents per dozen, \$2.50 per 100, \$16.00 per 1,000. 250 at 1,000 rates. Small size bulbs 35 cents per dozen, \$1.75 per 100, \$12.00 per 1,000.**



**PEONY — La Coquette. \$1.00 each.** (For Description see page 5)

## Hyacinths

The Hyacinth is one of the most popular of the Fall bulbs and commands a place in every home and garden. There is nothing more attractive than a well-grown pan of Hyacinths, with their brilliant colors and delightful fragrance, together with their long keeping qualities and decorative appearance. Hyacinths may be bought to bloom about the latter part of January and if taken into the house at intervals, flowers may be obtained until the middle or latter part of April.

**Culture in Pots.** When potting Hyacinths for growing indoors a medium light, well-enriched soil is best suited, placing some broken crock in the bottom for drainage. Set the bulbs about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below surface of soil, giving them a thorough watering and put them away in a dark, cold place, so that they will not freeze; water them as often as need be to avoid drying. They should be allowed to remain for at least 12 weeks, or until the pot is well filled with roots, when they may be removed to a warmer location, but still kept dark until a growth of 4 to 5 inches is made, then bring to the light gradually until allowed to flower.

When a repetition of bloom is required, bring out one or more pots every week or ten days from place where allowed to root.

**Outdoor Culture.** Prepare the beds or borders where they are to be planted with well-rotted manure, having it thoroughly dug over to a depth of at least 12 inches, being assured that the soil is well drained to avoid any decay of the bulbs. Plant the bulbs at least 5 inches deep and 6 apart. As soon as the ground begins to freeze, cover the beds with a litter of leaves, straw or pine boughs to a thickness of 6 or 8 inches. This covering should be removed as early as possible after all danger from severe cold weather is past.

## Hyacinths under Colors for Bedding

**25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20.00 per 100. Prepaid to any part of United States.**

Dark Red and Scarlet  
Rose and Pink

Pure White

Light Blue and Lavender  
Dark Blue and Purple

Yellow  
Mixture of Colors

## Single Named Hyacinths

**35 cents each, \$3.50 for 12; \$6.00 for 25, prepaid to any part of United States.**

My prices are for Exhibition Size bulbs, which produce the finest flowers both in size and quality, and are considered far superior to first, second or third size bulbs offered at lower prices. This grade of bulbs is the best that can be produced, and is considered absolutely the best by all experts.

**CITY OF HAARLEM.** Strong, large truss of bright golden yellow.

**GERTRUDE.** Splendid, dark pink; large, compact spike.

**GIGANTEA.** Delicate shade of blush pink; large truss.

**L'INNOCENCE.** Strong truss with large, pure white bells.

**PERLE BRILLIANT.** Sky blue, tinged lilac; the finest light blue.

**QUEEN OF THE BLUES.** A lovely bright blue.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** One each of the Six above varieties for \$1.75.

## Hardy Lilies

### HEMERCALLIS.

(Yellow Day Lily.)

Popular hardy plants, belonging to the Lily family. They succeed everywhere and should always be included in the border of old-fashioned hardy plants.

From Greek, *hemero* — day, and *kallos* — beautiful; because the beautiful blossoms close at night.

One of the most beautiful and popular of our garden perennials. The Lemon Day Lilies have narrow grass-like foliage, and the flowers have wide funnels. Small plants will flower freely the first year. The plants are all remarkably free from enemies and need no protection even in the severest winters. The flowers are very simple, yet distinct, with a wholesome fragrance. The individual flowers are short-lived, but there is a good succession. They thrive in almost any garden soil, but are most luxuriant along the borders of ponds or moist places, and in partial shade. Excellent for cutting, lasting a long while, and the most backward buds opening in water.

Our stock of Hemercallis is field-grown, and can be depended upon to be true to name.

**APRICOT.** Rich apricot colored flowers. Plants grown 2½ feet tall. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**AURANTICA.** (Carolina Lily.) A beautiful large trumpet-shaped Day Lily with fragrant orange flowers. One of the most satisfactory; height 2 to 3 feet; flowers in June and July. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.**

**FLAVA.** (Yellow Day Lily.) The best known variety; very fragrant, deep clear lemon-yellow; flowers in June; height, 2 to 3 feet. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

**FULVA.** (Tawny Day Lily.) One of the most common varieties. Height, 4 to 5 feet; trumpet-shaped flowers of a bronzy orange-red color; flowers from June to August. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen. One each of the above four varieties for \$1.00 prepaid.**

### FUNKIA.

(Plantain Lily.)

**FUNKIA — Plantain Lily.** The Plantain Lilies are among the easiest plants to manage; their broad, massive foliage makes them attractive subjects for the border, even when not in flower. Lavender-blue blossoms in July, August and September. They succeed equally well in sun or shade. **20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.**

### TRADESCANTIA.

(Spiderwort.)

**TRADESCANTIA ALBA.** An all-round plant for wet or dry, sunny or shady situations, continuing in bloom from early summer until frost. Pure white, three-petaled flowers in clusters on long stems, and long, pointed foliage. Height 2 feet. **25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.**

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(Adam's Needle.)

**YUCCA FILAMENTOSA.** A stately foliage and flowering plant equally imposing in solitary or group planting; always conspicuous. The broad, sword-like foliage is evergreen, while in mid-summer it shows great erect, branching stems, bearing a showy display of pendant, creamy white bells. Very fragrant; flowers in July and August. **35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen;** large plants, **\$1.00 each, prepaid.**

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To plant a bed three feet in diameter, bulbs to be set four inches apart, I will ship 100 Rainbow Mixed for **\$4.00 Express Collect** or 100 of the above with 100 Crocus for **\$5.00 Prepaid** to any part of the U. S. A.

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The ideal food for flowers, plants and shrubs. Full directions with every package.

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**A trial will convince you of its merit.**

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 $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, iron wire; 75 cents per 100, prepaid; \$3.00 per 1,000, prepaid.  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, copper wire. \$1.00 per 100, prepaid; \$4.00 per 1,000, prepaid.

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For any kinds of plants. These are plain labels to be used either in pots or out of doors, with one end pointed. I am also offering Dahlia labels which are suitable for labeling all kinds of Dahlias.

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8 of the best large Peonies grown for the amount invested, all for **\$10.00 prepaid**.

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The above 6 Peonies for **\$4.00 prepaid**, or 6 each for **\$20.00 prepaid**.

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<b>FLAVESCENS</b> , Soft yellow . . . . .	\$.25
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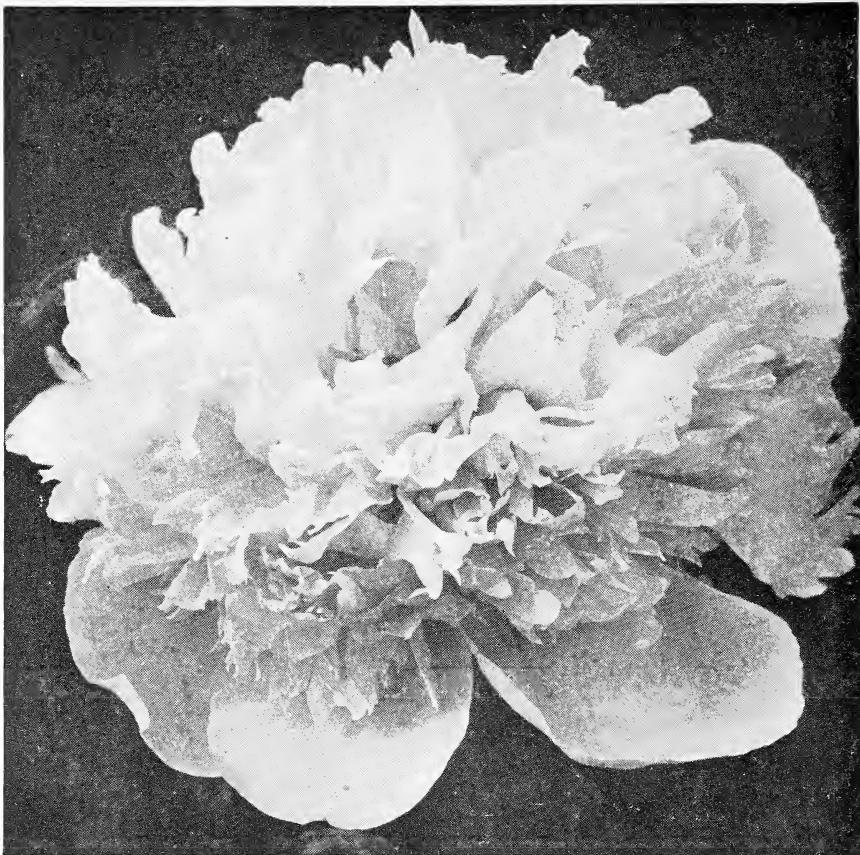
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